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MANAGERS COMMENTS



Welcome to the Victoria Ground again, and on behalf of the playing staff and everybody else here can I wish all of you a very Happy Christmas - or what remains of it, anyway - and pass on our best wishes for a successful and healthy New Year.

Hopefully it will be just as successful for us. Today's game against Bolton is our last at home in 1987, and hopefully we will mark the occasion with an entertaining performance, and a win. Bolton, of course, are one of several big name Clubs who have found themselves down in the soccer dumps in recent years. Like Wolves, Preston and Burnley they have slipped from their former place in the higher divisions, and are finding that life isn't too easy in Division Four either. But, like some of the teams I have mentioned, they will be aiming to climb back again as soon as possible.

Like ourselves, Bolton are one of the teams in the bunch behind the Fourth Division leaders, and again like us they will be looking at today's game as being a very important one. Of course, we have had our share of good results at home in the last few weeks, and we want more. We are right now in the busy period in the middle of the Season which often has a major effect on who goes up and who goes down come May. There is no room for teams who relax at this or any other stage of the Season, and while I have been delighted with the commitment and professionalism of the players so far, I will be stressing to them the importance of maintaining their form and, if possible, improving it.

One of the major aspects of our progress this Season has been the fact that virtually every player in the team is under pressure for his place, and I'll talk about that in the programme for the Carlisle game on January 2nd.

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FOURTH DIVISION ROUND UP

At this busy time of the Season it is always very difficult to keep track of what is going on in football, with promotion issues and problems at the other end of the table seeing a change in fortunes with virtually every game.

Most teams in Division Four have now just about completed half their programmes, and for Hartlepool United, today's game against Bolton Wanderers is, in fact, their 23rd - the exact half-way spot. In our last home game the goalless draw with Wolves, the result meant the visitors were toppled from their place as Fourth Division leaders, Leyton Orient taking over at the top after they beat struggling Tranmere 3-1 at Brisbane Road. But the big question here is - can Tranmere be described as strugglers? After all, they won here at the Victoria Ground not too long ago, and not many teams are managing that at the moment.

The Fourth Division this Season is similar to last season only in that there are 24 teams in it. Otherwise, a lot seems to have changed. We are now promotion contenders after struggling last season, and several other teams have been transformed in a

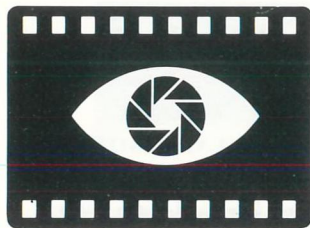
similar way. In addition, the gap at the top is nowhere near as big as it was last season, when Northampton were streets ahead by this stage of the Season. At the time of writing these notes, there was only an eight point gap between the leaders and the teams in the middle of the table, with the fourth bottom team only another ten points behind. In these days of three points for a win, they are gaps which can close quite quickly.

A number of former Hartlepool players have been in the news recently in Division Four. Paul Dobson was sent off as Torquay lost at home to Halifax, while Simon Lowe has been scoring regularly for Scarborough during his loan spell from Colchester. so regularly that the League newcomers have made a bid to sign him regularly. Another former Hartlepool player, Scarborough Manager Neil Warnock, has been linked with the vacant Manager's job at Rotherham which is much closer to his South Yorkshire home than Scarborough is. And, Mark Gavin, who learned his football at school in the Town, has been shining for Rochdale, for whom he scored in their recent win at Wrexham.



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Pool striker Paul Baker slips a ball under York's keeper Smallwood to net Pool's equaliser.



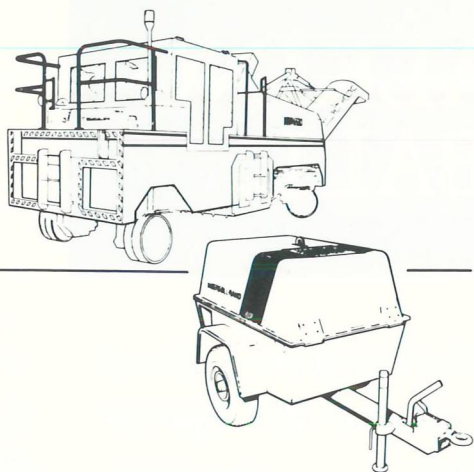
Mid-field man Andy Toman lobbs the ball over the advancing keeper only to see it hit the crossbar.

Pool striker John Borthwick goes close in this goal-mouth scramble against York.



Rob McKinnon tries one from out of the box.

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SECRETARY'S COLUMN

Malcolm Kirby

May I first of all on behalf of the Chairman, Directors, Players and staff wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

We have over the next six weeks some very attractive fixtures, primarily against Clubs in the top half of the League, one of which is our near neighbours Darlington on New Years Day. We have on past occasions taken a large number of supporters to this fixture and it is to this end that we at the Club appeal to all who support us at Feetham's to continue to do so in the manner that has been prevalent at all of our away matches throughout this Season.

A number of supporters have written to explain their disgust on the occasion of the

Wolves fixture when the gate on the Clarence Road side of the Ground was kept locked at the end of the game. This was done on the request of the Police as the Wolverhampton supporters were all directed along Clarence Road to the car park on the Dock area and it was thought it better for all Hartlepool supporters to leave the Ground on the Mill House side to alleviate any possible friction between the fans in Clarence Road. I must however, thank both our own and Wolverhampton supporters for their good behaviour before, during and after the game.

Finally, on behalf of everyone at the Club, thank the Supporters Association for their excellent efforts throughout 1987 and their generous donations to the Club.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Name either of the Golfers who represented England in the recent World Cup for Golf ?
2. Who was the first Cricketer to take 300 Test Wickets ?
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DEAN GIBB

Full Name: Dean Gibb
Birthplace And Date: Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 26.10.66.
Height And Weight: 5'10", 11st 10lbs
Married/Wifes Name: No
Children: No
Home: Semi-detached, Newcastle
Car: M.G. mini metro
Previous Clubs: Brandon United
Nickname And Reason For It: Deano
Team You Supported As A Boy: Newcastle United
Football Hero Of Childhood: Kevin Keegan
Player To Look Out For In '87 - '88: Andrew Dixon
Personal Thoughts On New Season: To win promotion
Team To Look Out For: Wolverhampton Wanderers
Can Hartlepool Win The League: Wey Aye Nae Bother !!
Longterm Ambitions: To be successful at everything I do.



TODAYS MASCOT

JOHN PAUL McCAFFERY
AGED 11



COMMERCIAL NEWS

Eddie Barnett

Good afternoon and a very warm welcome to this afternoon's game against our friends from Bolton Wanderers.

This being our last home game of 1987 it is time to look back and be accountable for the last 12 months work. Firstly my sincere thanks to the "Promotion Team" who have assisted me:

Frankie Baggs, Assistant Commercial Consultant, David Shears and Bill Waite Commercial Sales Representatives, Olive Holland Lottery Ticket Manageress, Thelma Waite Secretary of the full-time staff, Ian Newton (Pools On The Move Scrutineer), Mr. & Mrs. Lancaster (Pools On The Move Agency collectors), Lisa Charlton (Y.T.S.) and Mary and Vera our two cleaners — all are members of the best team I have ever had the privilege to work with, our jobs have been made easier with the excellent support given by both the "Pools On The Move Agents" and the "Lottery Ticket Agents".

On the Stadium side of the operation Ron Harrison Stadium Manager, Stan Hillhouse (Assistant Stadium Manager) and young Tony (Y.T.S. Trainee Stadium Manager). All three have done a superb job of work the four promotion girls Pat, Leah and the two Jill's with Tommy along with the Catering Cabin ladies Chris, Tara and the two Margarets, the Programme sales boys and the ball boys are all people I am greatly indebted to for their dedication and loyalty

to the good name of Hartlepool United Football Club.

The match programme printer Brian Liddell of Atkinson Print with the subscribers i.e. John Bird (Manager), Malcolm Kirby (Secretary), Geoff Wilkinson, Arthur Pickering (Northern News), Ian Newton (H.U.F.C.S.A.), Albert Kelleher and now of course our Club Captain Tony Smith.

To all of those Companies who have been superb in their most valued sponsorship given whether it be Match Sponsorship, Matchball Sponsorship, Programme Advertisements, Perimeter Board Advertisements and of course our Club's main Sponsor "Strongarm" all have played a major part in assisting to cope with the severe financial demands made on the Club throughout the year.

But, most of all, on behalf of our Chairman John Smart and the Board of Directors and everyone involved with Hartlepool United, we thank YOU the good people of Hartlepool and surrounding Districts for your magnificent support.

Well, thats all for 1987 I hope you had a great Christmas Day shared with your loved ones, now lets all have a superb Boxing Day together and get behind John, Alan, Gary and the Players to ensure we get the right result today — hope that you have a great afternoon's entertainment and get home safe.

Talk to you again in the Carlisle United Programme.

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BOLTON WANDERERS

PHIL NEAL, as a player competed in over 700 games with Northampton, 11 years at Liverpool and at Bolton. He's won a record eight League Championship medals, 50 England caps plus League Cup/Milk Cup winners medals.

Goalkeeper **DAVID FELGATE** is in his second spell with the Wanderers, a £16,000 signing from Grimsby. The former Welsh international was a regular at Lincoln before joining the Mariners. The defensive roles are competed for by **JULIAN DARBY**, a Bolton-born former England schoolboy who broke onto the scene in March 1986. Can also play midfield. **MARK CAME** joined Bolton from Winsford United as a promising non-league player in April 1984. This solid central defender has been a regular in the first team squad since. **DAVE SUTTON** started his career at Plymouth, before helping two promotion winning teams at Huddersfield. Moved to Bolton for £12,000 in the summer of '85. In **DEAN CROMBIE** the Wanderers have acquired a very experienced defender during the close season. Dean was signed on a 'free' from Grimsby where he made over 350 appearances. 'Mr. Versatile' is what they call **DEREK SCOTT**. Joined the Wanderers from Burnley in June '85 for £20,000. This former England schoolboy international played in almost

every position during his 11 seasons at Turf Moor. Completing the defensive squad is **MARK WINSTANLEY**, a promising youngster who made his debut at Bournemouth in March 1986.

In midfield we have **GARY HENSHAW**, another 'free' signing from Grimsby Town where he started as an apprentice and completed five seasons. **WARREN JOYCE** made his debut for the Wanderers in the Second Division in April 1983. This energetic, enthusiastic all-rounder won honours as a schoolboy at cricket and rugby before turning to a career in football. Peterborough United offered £30,000 for this midfielder during the summer. **STEVE THOMPSON** is a talented midfield player with a powerful shot. He is a penalty spot specialist, and a Bolton regular four years after graduating through the junior ranks. Bolton fans are pleased at the return of **JEFF CHANDLER**, a £30,000 close season signing from Derby County, whom helped gain promotion to the First Division. Jeff can operate in midfield or on the left flank. Kicked off his career at Blackpool and had a spell with Leeds United before joining Wanderers initially in 1981 in a £40,000 transfer.

PROPOSITION



WANDERERS

Up front is big London-born striker **TREVOR MORGAN** who has played more than 300 games in a career which started at Bournemouth and took him to spells with Mansfield, Bristol City (twice), Exeter and Bristol Rovers to whom Phil Neal paid £20,000 during the close season. It cost Wanderers £30,000 to bring front runner **JOHN THOMAS** to Burnden Park five years after he left the Club to join Chester. Proved a prolific goalscorer on his travels which included successful spells at Lincoln and Preston where he scored 28 goals last season. An anonymous benefactor is sponsoring the fourth return of **NEIL WHATMORE** to the Club, where he started as an apprentice. During nine seasons he saw Bolton promoted from Division Three to Division One before joining Birmingham in 1981 for a record £340,000 fee. Had spells with Oxford United, Wanderers (twice on loan) and Burnley before joining Mansfield with whom he won a Freight Rover Trophy winners medal last term. Striker **STEVE ELLIOTT** cost Bolton £25,000 from Walsall. Started his apprenticeship at Notts. Forest before moving to Preston and then at Luton. Came to prominence at Deepdale after £95,000 transfer. Scores goals himself but is also regarded as provider for his colleagues. This is Steve's second season after making his Bolton debut against Swindon last term.

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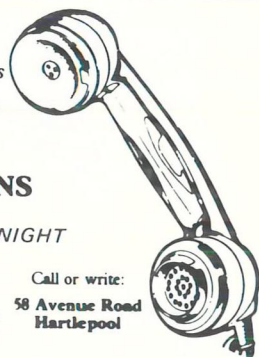
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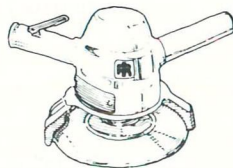
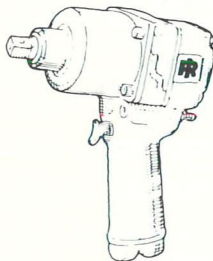
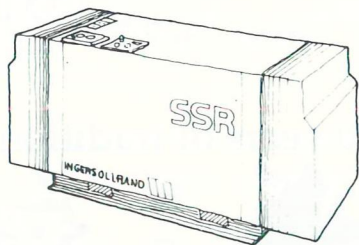
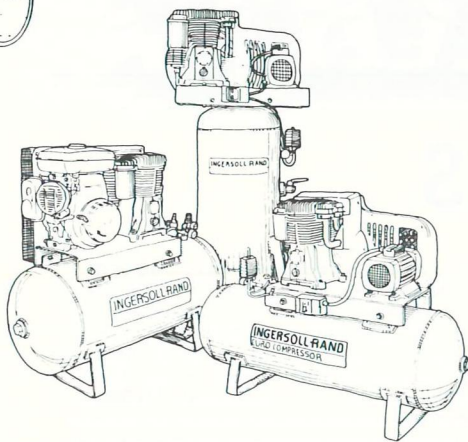
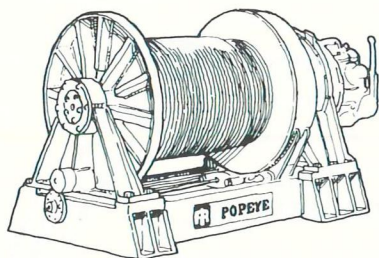
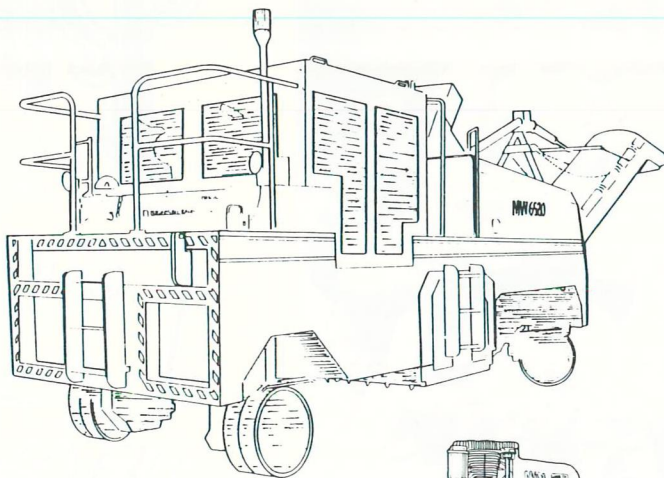


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Ian Newton

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My thanks also go to Brian Wager and Dave Latimer who took it on their own back to hold a raffle at their place of work - T.E.P. Stores - and again a smashing response of £102.00. Whilst I am thanking everybody I must not forget to thank our own Supporters Association for all of their hard work

during 1987. They work very hard during the year to raise much needed finance for the benefit of Hartlepool United, and I thank you all.

May I take this opportunity to wish the Board of Directors, the Manager and Players, the Commercial and Office Staff, our own Supporters Association and you the best supporters in the Fourth Division, a very, very Happy Christmas and properous New Year.

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Albert Kelleher

Pools Intermediates recent good run came to an end when they were beaten by a very good York City team, who in contrast to their First Team are struggling at the foot of the 3rd Division, were a very strong and forceful outfit who thoroughly deserved their 2-0 win over Pools.

Despite the defeat Alan Shoulder saw plenty of good things in his own team's performance who battled on strongly to keep the eager York attackers at bay until conceding two goals late in the game. Wayne Curry, whose form has been a revelation since he took over the goalkeeping duties, again had an

excellent game, and the back four of Kevin Hanford, Tony Barras, Dave Stokle and Lee Featherstone could not be faulted, it was in the other areas that Pool struggled, with John McCarthy fighting a lone battle up front where he obviously missed his regular partner Phil Dawson, who was out through suspension. Another plus for Alan Shoulder's squad was the return after 4 months absence through injury of Kenny Cramman, who came on in the second half and he confirmed the great promise he showed last Season which should be a great asset for the rest of this year's campaign, as well as the F.A. Youth Cup trail.

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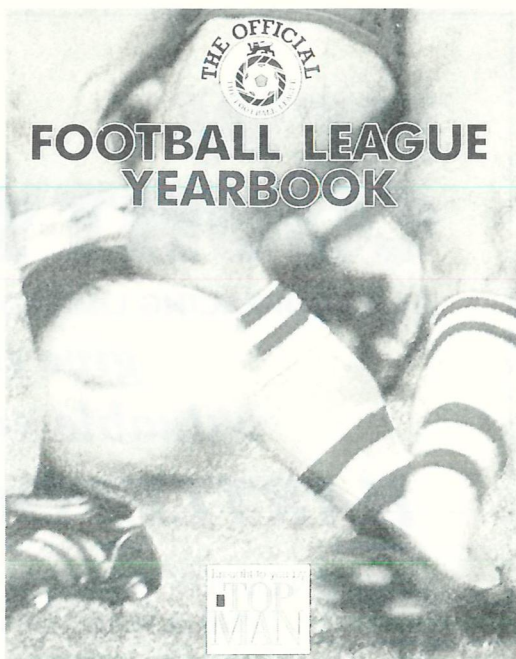
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	16 Wed	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	H	2 - 1	1454
	19 Sat	COLCHESTER UNITED	H	3 - 1	1619
	26 Sat	Bolton Wanderers	A	2 - 1	4690
	30 Wed	EXETER CITY	A	3 - 1	2973
Oct	3 Sat	Crewe Alexandra	A	1 - 1	2170
	10 Sat	Burnley	A	0 - 1	5453
	17 Sat	TORQUAY UNITED	H	0 - 0	2870
	21 Wed	HALIFAX TOWN	H	2 - 1	2472
	24 Sat	Scarborough	A	1 - 1	3988
	31 Sat	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	H	1 - 0	2532
Nov	3 Tue	Stockport County	A	0 - 1	1680
	7 Sat	Peterborough United	A	1 - 0	3541
	14 Sat	F.A. Cup 1 (Chorley)		2 - 0	2461
	21 Sat	TRANMERE ROVERS	H	1 - 2	2443
	24 Tue	Doncaster Rovers (Freight Rov)	H	1 - 0	882
	28 Sat	Cardiff City	A	1 - 1	3232
Dec	5 Sat	F.A. Cup 2 York		1 - 1	3394
	12 Sat	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDRS	H	0 - 0	2631
	19 Sat	Hereford United	A		
	26 Sat	BOLTON WAN.	H		
	28 Mon	Rochdale	A		
Jan	1 Fri	Darlington	A		
	2 Sat	CARLISLE UNITED	H		
	9 Sat	WREXHAM (F.A. Cup 3)	H		
	15 Fri	Colchester United	A		
	22 Fri	Cambridge United	A		
	30 Sat	Swansea City (F.A. Cup 4)	H		
Feb	6 Sat	Leyton Orient	A		
	13 Sat	ROCHDALE	H		
	19 Fri	Newport County (F.A. Cup 5)	A		
	27 Sat	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H		
Mar	2 Wed	Exeter City	A		
	5 Sat	Torquay United	A		
	12 Sat	BURNLEY (F.A. Cup 6)	H		
	19 Sat	Scunthorpe United	A		
	26 Sat	SCARBOROUGH	H		
Apr	2 Sat	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	H		
	4 Mon	Tranmere Rovers	A		
	9 Sat	STOCKPORT COUNTY (S.F.)	H		
	23 Sat	Halifax Town	A		
	30 Sat	CARDIFF CITY	H		
May	2 Mon	Wolverhampton Wan.	A		
	7 Sat	HEREFORD UNITED	H		
	14 Sat	F.A. Cup Final			

APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

	League		Cup	
	App.	Goals	App.	Goals
P. BAKER	21	14	7	4
P. BUTLER	5		3	
A. SHOULDER	5		1	
T. BARRATT	14	2	6	
A. DIXON	4	1	1	
J. BORTHWICK	9		3	
T. SMITH	21		7	1
R. McKINNON	18	2	6	
A. KENNEDY	4		1	1
K. CARR	6		5	
T. HALL			1	
K. NOBBS	19		5	
P. HAIGH	18		7	
B. HONOUR	21		6	
W. STOKES	21		7	1
J. TINKLER	1		1	
A. TOMAN	21	8	7	2
D. GIBB	5		2	1
M. PRUDHOE	13			
P. OWERS	2		2	
R. THOMSON	2		1	

HARTLEPOOL UTD. 0 - WOLVES 0

Hartlepool United.

Kevin Carr, Paul Haigh, Rob McKinnon, John Tinkler, Tony Smith, Wayne Stokes, Brian Honour, Andy Toman, Paul Baker, John Borthwick, Tony Barratt, Dixon, Hall.

Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Mark Kendall, Stephen Stoutt, Andrew Thompson, Floyd Streete, Alistair Robertson, Philip Robinson, Robert Dennison, Nigel Vaughan, Jackie Gallagher, Andy Mutch, Keith Downing, Clarke, Holmes.

Attendance: 2631

NEXT ON THE
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HARTLEPOOL UTD

V

CARLISLE UNITED

Sat., 2nd January, 1988
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.



CURRENT AFFAIRS

Geoff Wilkinson

Original members of the Football League, Bolton Wanderers began life as Christ Church F.C. in 1878 and three years later changed their name to the more famous world-wide known Bolton Wanderers.

After being relegated four times to Division Two in their early years they eventually put together a succession of sides which kept them in Division One from 1911 until relegation in 1933. This famous northern Club has appeared in 7 F.A. Cup Finals, winning in 1923, 1926, 1929 and the last occasion in 1958 when they beat Manchester United 2-0 at Wembley. Sadly though, they have never finished higher than 3rd in Division One, 1891-92, 1920-21 and 1924-25 whilst they have won the 2nd Division Championship on two occasions, 1908-09 and 1977-78 whilst they've been runners-up on 4 occasions.

From 1935 until 1964 The Wanderers remained in Division One, then they slipped down to Division Two for seven Seasons before catastrophe caught up with them and they slid down into the Third Division for the first time in their history, but two

years later Bolton won the Third Division Championship and then regained their First Division place in 1977-78 after twice finishing in 4th place and missing promotion by one point.

Life back in Division One was far from easy, and only lasted for two Seasons before they dropped back to Division Two. Again they struggled and after three seasons they slid down to the Third Division where it was expected that they would, as before, find their feet and surge up the League once more. This time it was totally different and after 4 seasons they now find themselves in the Fourth Division for the first time in their long history.

Their list of Managers since the War reads like a "Who's Who" of top players, Walter Rowley, Bill Ridding, Ex Wanderers England Centre Forward Nat Lofthouse, Irish International Jimmy McIlroy, Jimmy Meadows, Jim Armfield, Ian Greaves, Ex Boro Boss Stan Anderson, George Mulhall, Ex Pool favourite John McGovern, Charlie Wright and Ex Liverpool and England International Phil Neal.



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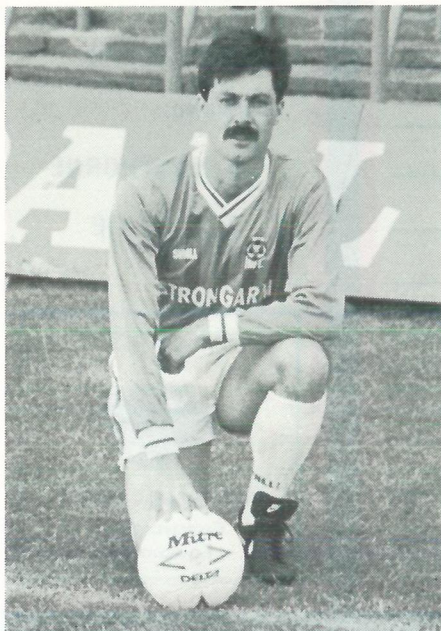
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CAPTAIN'S CORNER



The game last week against Hereford is one of the long away trips. During the Season there are about five or six away games where an overnight stay before the game is needed. The typical itinerary for this would be:

Friday morning - 10.00 a.m. until about 11.30 a.m. - training. Leave Ground 12.30 p.m./1.0 p.m. Arrive Hotel about 6.00 p.m. A full 3-course meal about 7.30 p.m. which finishes 9.30 p.m. Watch television for a couple of hours then bed.

Saturday morning - Full breakfast approx 8.30 p.m. Light training session - 10.00 a.m. 12.00 noon, tea or coffee. Watch football on television - Leave for game about 1.30 p.m. Arrive Ground 2.00 p.m. and begin preparation for the game.

United Club

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For more details contact Eddie Barnett Commercial Consultant on 222077 or call in the Commercial Department.

TEAM CHECK

HARTLEPOOL UTD. **V** BOLTON WAN.

Kevin Carr **1** Dave Felgate

Paul Haigh **2** Derek Scott

Rob McKinnon **3** Phil Neal

Keith Nobbs **4** Robbie Savage

Tony Smith **5** Mark Came

Wayne Stokes **6** Dave Sutton

Brian Honour **7** Nicky Brookman

Andy Toman **8** Ian Callaghan

Andrew Dixon **9** John Thomas

John Borthwick **10** Steve Elliott

Tony Barratt **11** Julian Darby

Tony Hall **12** Derek Henshaw
Dean Gibb Trevor Morgan

Officials

Referee:

G. M. TYSON

Linesmen:

B. HAWTHORNE

A. B. WILKIE

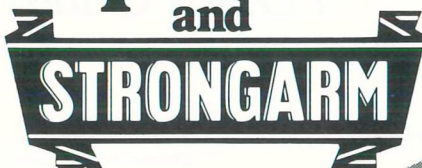
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